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SUBJECT: FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN ON KEYS TO SETTLEMENT  
IN MIDDLE EAST

L. OWEN'S STATEMENTS ON THE MIDDLE EAST IN HIS BBC  
INTERVIEW OF DECEMBER 1 (SEPTTEL) WERE PREFACED BY A  
SPEECH HE GAVE ON NOVEMBER 29 BEFORE A LIMITED AUDIENCE,  
THE FRIENDS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM. FCO  
HAS NOW MADE AVAILABLE EXTRACTS FROM THE SPEECH. AMONG  
PERTINENT POINTS WERE THE FOLLOWING:

2. OWEN WELCOMED THE BEGIN VISIT TO THE UK AND STATED,

"HE COMES HERE AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS COUNTRY IN  
ALL HONOR".

3. OWEN PRAISED SADAT'S INITIATIVE IN VISITING  
JERUSALEM, AND ADDED "IT IS NOW A TIME FOR ISRAEL TO  
RESPOND... HOW ISRAEL RESPONDS IS NOT FOR ME TO DICTATE.  
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BUT I HOPE THAT THEY CAN FAIRLY EARLY MAKE IT CLEAR THAT  
THEY HAVE NO TERRITORIAL DEMANDS, ONLY SECURITY DEMANDS

4. OWEN THEN WENT ON TO THE SUBJECT OF THE USE OF DE-  
MILITARIZED ZONES AND ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE DEVICES,  
WHICH AS WE HAVE REPORTED IS A PARTICULAR PERSONAL IN-  
TEREST OF HIS. HE SAID,"IT WOULD BE A GREAT TRAGEDY

PARTICULARLY FOR ISRAEL WHICH HAS A TRADITION OF HARN-  
ESSING TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE TO THAT COUNTRY'S PROS-  
PERITY, IF WE WERE, WHEN LOOKING AT TRADITIONAL SECUR-  
ITY, TO TURN OUR BACK ON THE DRAMATIC CHANGES THAT HAVE  
TAKEN PLACE IN THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF MILITARY  
SECURITY".

5. A KEY PARAGRAPH FOLLOWED: "I HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED  
THAT THE CENTRAL KEY TO ACHIEVING A NEGOTIATED SETTLE-  
MENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST LIES IN DEMILITARISED ZONES.  
I DON'T HOLD A TOTALLY SCEPTICAL VIEW OF THEIR VALUE  
AND I BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE BEEN PROVEN; TO A LESSER  
EXTENT LIMITED DEMILITARISATION CAN ALSO BE USEFUL.  
THE WHOLE RANGE OF TECHNOLOGY IN TERMS OF EARLY WARNING  
DEVICES, MODERN LISTENING DEVICES, ALL THESE THINGS  
HAVE CHANGED THE STRATEGY AND CHANGED THE BALANCE AND  
WE MUST BE ABLE TO TAKE OUR EXAMINATION AWAY FROM STRIPS  
OF LAND AND BARBED WIRE. SATELLITES NOW REVOLVE ROUND  
THE WORLD TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS AND BRINGING WITH THEM  
COMPLETELY NEW WAYS OF TELLING THE MOVEMENTS THAT GO ON  
ALL OVER THE WORLD - AND NO DOUBT THERE WILL BE, BEFORE  
LONG, EVEN MORE MODERN TECHNIQUES."

6. POSSIBLY BECAUSE DISTRIBUTION OF THE TEXT HAS SO  
FAR BEEN SO LIMITED, THIS SPEECH BY OWEN HAS NOT YET  
ATTRACTED MUCH ATTENTION. THE WEEKLY JEWISH CHRONICLE  
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COVERED IT FAIRLY BRIEFLY ON THE FRONT PAGE ON DECEMBER

2. WE WILL POUCH THE ENTIRE SECTION RELEASED BY THE FCO  
TO ADDRESSEES AS AN AIRGRAM.

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